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Dear Transport Futures Delegates:

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, let me pass along my best wishes to all of you for attending the Transport Futures Mobility Pricing and Automated Vehicles conference.



Although I can't be with you today, I will be following your conversation with interest, and I know the advice you will have for our government will be valuable input as we develop the policies and the regulations around this transformative technology. I know you'll be hearing from Deputy Minister Stephen Rhodes and from a variety of informative presentations, so please enjoy both the conference and the city.

The future of transportation is both inspiring and difficult to predict. The rapid advancements in technology have brought long-distant dreams ever closer, although I will confess an ongoing disappointment that very few people seem to talk about flying cars anymore ...

But the future will be different, and it's our job, as government, to make sure we're setting the foundation for dealing with that future. I applaud the conference organizers for getting a group of intelligent innovators together to talk about these issues in a forum like this so that we can all benefit from their common findings.

Automated vehicles and mobility pricing options are coming, and they will be disruptive to the economy and to our infrastructure. Conversations such as the ones you'll be having help bring everyone to the table so that the first thing we do is understand the challenge.

Best wishes for a successful 8th anniversary conference, and I look forward to hearing about its conclusions.

The Hon. Steven Del Duca,
Minister of Transportation, Province of Ontario